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I. Military

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(a) Soviet Officers Club (Dom ofitserov) in the Karlshorst Sector of East Berlin.

(b) [redacted] the club was subordinate to the Political Section of the Soviet Garrison in East Berlin.

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(c) The actual strength of the unit was about four officers and six enlisted men [redacted]

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(d) The unit was located in the Karlshorst Sector of East Berlin near Trescow Allee.

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(f) Present location, same as (d).

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(h) The unit commanding officer was Major Anatoliy Alekseyevich Anisimov.

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#### Unidentified Military Hospital

(a)

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the capacity of the hospital about 2,000 patients but there had never been over 200 patients there at one time the staff consisted of about 20 to 25 officers, most of whom were doctors. There were also about 20 enlisted men and about 150 nurses.

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The commanding officer of the hospital was Lieutenant Colonel Melnitskiy (fnu), (branch unknown).

(b) The hospital was located in Teupitz, East Germany, about 17 kilometers from Wuensdorf.

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#### II. Civilian Section

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rumors in spring 1956 that East Germany would have a poor harvest this year because so many farmers and agricultural workers were fleeing to the West.

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in  
spring 1956, prices of shoes and textile goods, including  
clothing, were cut by as much as 50 percent.

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The average decrease in  
prices of certain types of shoes and clothes amounted to  
about 20 percent.

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in late September  
1956 an official announcement was made by Major Anisimov,  
head of the Officers Club in Karlshorst, that all civilian  
employees in the Soviet Army would receive an increase in  
wages, starting in October 1956.

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the lower  
paid categories were to get higher increases than the  
higher paid employees. For example, he was told that a  
man who had deposited in the USSR 300 rubles a month would  
receive 400 rubles (with a corresponding increase in his  
East German Mark payments), while a man making 800 rubles  
a month would get an increase of only 20 rubles.

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the Military Hospital in  
Teupitz had an air raid  
shelter built several years ago in a court between  
hospital buildings.

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there were no periodic practice air raid  
alerts, but all Soviet (not German) personnel of the  
hospital received instructions on how to evacuate wounded  
persons and medical supplies. The staffs of various  
departments in the hospital received evacuation plans in  
case of attack and were given a definition of the tasks  
they were to perform. The evacuation plan for the Hospital  
Club included removal of the library  
and movie equipment on trucks. the  
new location of the Club was to be disclosed only shortly  
before the actual move was to take place. In a practice  
evacuation that lasted about two hours, which took place  
sometime in 1954, the Department for Skin Diseases and  
the Department for Ear, Throat, Eye and Nose Diseases were  
actually evacuated to an unknown location.

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in early 1955, a training exercise for the mass  
reception of victims of radioactive poisoning was conducted  
by the Reception Department (privemnoye otdeleniye) of the  
hospital.

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a medical  
commission arrived and picked out ten Soviet soldiers,  
each one of which was supposed to represent fifty "victims."  
Each soldier was treated as a victim of radioactive  
poisoning and was given a shower.

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All Soviet soldiers  
and civilians are inoculated every spring, as a matter of  
routine, with a "polyvaccine" against plague, typhus, and  
other severe diseases

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